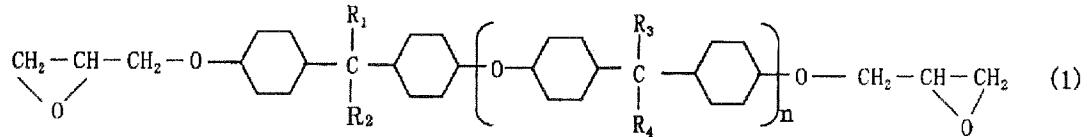


## IN THE CLAIMS

1 (Previously Presented). A neutron shielding material composition comprising:  
a hydrogenated bisphenol resin;  
a refractory material having higher density than that of the hydrogenated  
bisphenol resin;  
a density-increasing agent having higher density than that of the refractory  
material;  
a curing agent component;  
a boron compound,  
wherein said neutron shielding material composition maintains the density of a  
base resin comprising said curing agent component and the refractory material; and  
wherein density of the neutron shielding material composition is from 1.62 g/cm<sup>3</sup>  
to 1.72 g/cm<sup>3</sup>.

2 (Currently Amended). A neutron shielding material composition comprising a  
hydrogenated bisphenol epoxy represented by the following structural formula (1):



wherein each of R<sub>1</sub> to R<sub>4</sub> is independently selected from the group consisting of CH<sub>3</sub>, H, F, Cl and Br, and n is from 0 to 2;

a refractory material having higher density than that of the hydrogenated  
bisphenol resin;

a curing agent component having at least one ring structure and a plurality of  
amino groups;

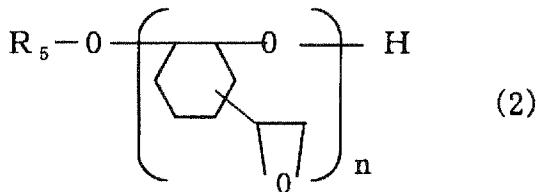
a density-increasing agent having higher density than that of the refractory  
material; and

a boron compound,

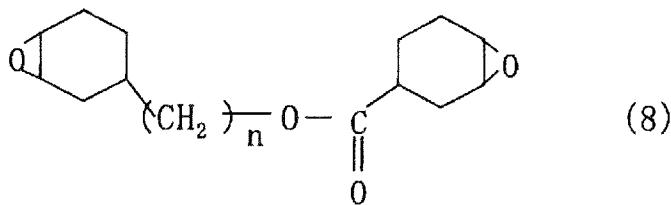
wherein said neutron shielding material composition maintains the density of a  
base resin comprising said curing agent component and the refractory material[[.]]; and

wherein density of the neutron shielding material composition is from 1.62 g/cm<sup>3</sup> to 1.72 g/cm<sup>3</sup>.

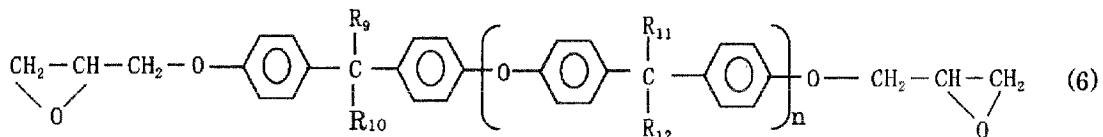
3 (Currently Amended). The neutron shielding material composition according to claim 1, further comprising one or more compounds selected from the group consisting of a ~~compound~~ compounds represented by the structural formulas (2), (3), (6) and (9):



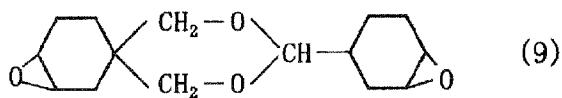
wherein R<sub>5</sub> is a C1-10 alkyl group or H, and n is from 1 to 24;



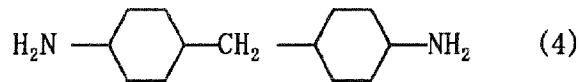
wherein n is from 1 to 8;



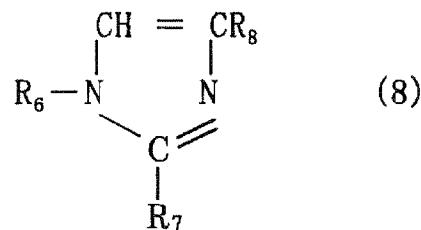
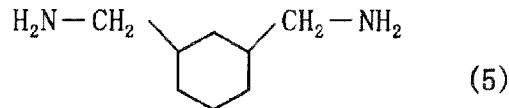
wherein each of R<sub>9</sub> to R<sub>12</sub> is independently selected from the group consisting of CH<sub>3</sub>, H, F, Cl and Br, and n is from 0 to 2; and



4 (Previously Presented). The neutron shielding material composition according to claim 1, comprising, as the curing agent component, a compound represented by the structural formula (4):



5 (Previously Presented). The neutron shielding material composition according to claim 1, wherein the curing agent component comprises one or more of compounds represented by the structural formulas (5) and (8):



wherein R<sub>6</sub>, R<sub>7</sub> and R<sub>8</sub> each is independently a C1-18 alkyl group or H.

6 (Previously Presented). The neutron shielding material composition according to claim 1, further comprising a filler.

Claim 7 (Canceled).

8 (Previously Presented). The neutron shielding material composition according to claim 1, wherein the refractory material comprises at least one of magnesium hydroxide and aluminum hydroxide.

9 (Previously Presented). The neutron shielding material composition according to claim 1 or claim 2, wherein the density-increasing agent is a metal powder having a density of 5.0 to 22.5 g/cm<sup>3</sup>, a metal oxide powder having a density of 5.0 to 22.5 g/cm<sup>3</sup>, or a combination thereof.

10 (Currently Amended). A neutron shielding material obtained ~~obtainable~~ from the neutron shielding material composition according to claim 1 or claim 2.

11 (Currently Amended). A neutron shielding container obtained ~~obtainable~~ from the neutron shielding material composition according to claim 1 or claim 2.

Claim 12 (Canceled).

13 (Previously Presented). The neutron shielding material composition according to claim 8, wherein said magnesium hydroxide is obtained from sea water magnesium.